

## Andrew Jackson to J. R. Chandler et al., September 18, 1835, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO JOSEPH R. CHANDLER AND HENRY S. WILLIAMS.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Handwriting of A. J. Donelson. Chandler and Williams wrote from Philadelphia.

Washington, September 18, 1835.

*Gentlemen*, I acknowledge with much satisfaction the receipt of your note of the 15th inst, inviting me to hear the eulogy which Mr. Binney,<sup>2</sup> at the request of the Select and Common Councils of the city of Philadelphia, is to pronounce on the life and character of the late Chief Justice of the United States.

<sup>2</sup> Horace Binney, a lawyer in Philadelphia and a director of the U. S. Bank, who was M. C. from Pennsylvania 1833–1835. *An Eulogy on the Life and Character of John Marshall . . . delivered . . . on the 24th September, 1835*, by Horace Binney.

Having always set a high value upon the learning, talents, and patriotism of Judge Marshal, and upon the good he has done his country in one of its most exalted and responsible offices, I have been gratified at seeing that sentiments equally favorable have been cherished generally by his fellow citizens, and that there has been no disposition, even with those who dissent from some of his expositions of our constitutional law (of whom it is perhaps proper that I should say I am one) to withhold from his memory the highest tribute of respect. In the revolutionary struggles for our national independence, and particularly in the subsequent discussions which established the forms and settled the practice of our system of Government, the opinions of John Marshall were expressed with the energy and clearness which were peculiar to his strong mind, and gave him a rank

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amongst the greatest men of his age which he fully sustained on the bench of the supreme court.

With these views of Judge Marshal's character it is a source of regret that my public duties will not allow me to be one of Mr. Binney's auditors on the interesting occasion to which you have been pleased to invite me.

I have the honor to be very respectfully yr. obt. Servant